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Questions With Answers

We, the Brothers of Sigma Lambda, have resolved to eliminate the misconception of Fraternal organizations on this campus by answering your questions. We feel this is a decisive step.

1. Will you please explain the purpose of the pledge program of your fraternity?

The goal of our pledge program is the development of an attitude which realistically recognizes that the pledge period is a period of education. It is also a preparation for better understanding the learning process that takes place as a brother. We consider the pledge program not as a separate program but as an integral part of an overall fraternity educational experience.

2. How does your program benefit the pledge?

Our program is designed to encourage in its pledges the attainment of high scholastic standing and to make available the example and training that best characterizes the college man. Also, it is intended to promote a vigorous spirit of loyalty and to promote in the social and intellectual spheres the best traditions of the college.

3. What is the value of making pledges perform various degrading deeds?

We feel that mutual respect and humility portray a prominent role in the development of a brother. If a pledge is belittled or made to feel inferior, a negative attitude will develop. Negative attitudes will produce scholastic indifference and disinterest in supporting group activities. A pledge's attitude is primarily the reflection of the brothers' example.

4. Has your fraternity lost any pledge as a result of your particular program?

No.

5. Is your pledge program designed to assist the college in any way by promoting constructive functions?

One of our principal objectives is to render service to the college and community. Our rush and pledge programs are designed to fulfill this objective.

6. Are you satisfied with the response of the student body to your fraternity?

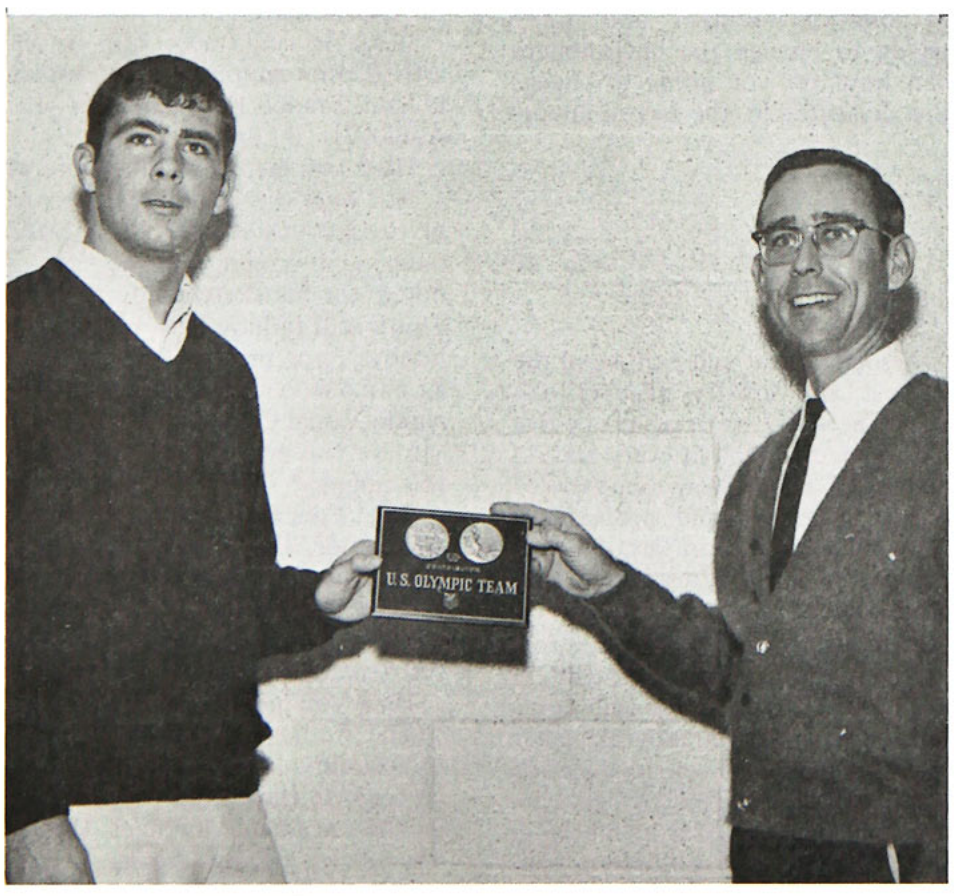
The feeling of the student body is one of misconception. Therefore, it is our hope that by answering these questions, the ideals of Sigma Lambda will be better understood.

7. Besides Greek Weekend, what functions have your fraternity planned for this trimester?

Since we are recognized under the Inter-Club Council, we do not participate in Greek Weekend. However, we have completed and scheduled numerous service projects and social functions this year.

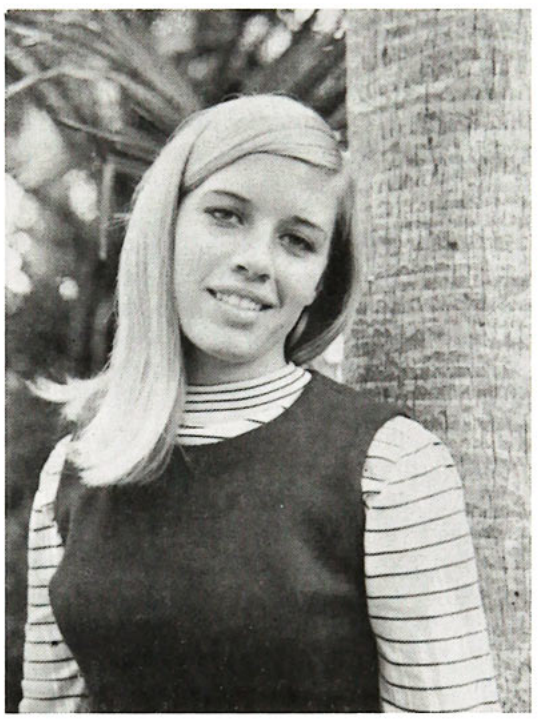
The Brothers of Sigma Lambda

Varsity Club Honored



Ray Korn (1) is shown receiving a United States Olympic Team Contributor's plaque from San Antonio Jaycee President, Eddie Herrmann. The Varsity Club, of which Korn is President, was the Saint Leo College organization in charge of raising funds to help defray expenses of the United States Olympic Team at the XIX Olympiad at Mexico City. The Jaycees were co-ordinators of the project.

Homecoming Queen



Dana Erb – Homecoming Queen

Dana Erb, a freshman from Noank, Conn., was elected the Varsity Club's 1969 Homecoming Queen. Dana, majoring in secretarial science, is a tennis enthusiast and also enjoys swimming, sailing and sewing. While in high school Dana was captain of the cheerleaders as well as her high school's Homecoming Queen.

The other candidates for Homecoming Queen were Debbie Flavin, Katie Mansfield, Marybeth White and Gail Lomax.

On Saturday afternoon the five candidates were taken to dinner to the Kapok Tree by their escorts: Jerry Moynihan, Joe Ciliano, Tom Grabowski, Frank LaMorte and Mike Novack.

After dinner they joined the motorcade to Dade City for the Homecoming Game against West Florida. At half-time it was announced that Dana Erb was the new Homecoming Queen replacing last year's queen, Margie Boland.

The first annual Varsity Club's Spirit Award was given to Charlene Silas and a special award was given to Rich Wallace for his outstanding contribution to the school and to basketball.

The Varsity Club wants to thank Dean Kaye for his assistance in making Homecoming possible.

Ray Korn, Mike Novack and Frank Mazza were the chairmen of Homecoming Weekend.

Rumor—An Everyday Occurence

As time progresses, material things are usually transformed from aboriginal entities to modern practicalities; but the question that puzzles most intellectuals is the evolvement of the human psyche. The inference drawn from my own subjective experience on this matter is that no matter how much cognitive knowledge one acquires, if it is not manifested on a rational basis, it is useless and to say the least, ineffective. Of course, this is just a prelude to my premise that rumors are precipitated by those individuals who thrive on the fortification of their ego. Some are possessed with loneliness and initiate acrimonious remarks about another in expectation of receiving excessive attention and love. Others do it because their ego is synonomous to a vampire; it constantly revitalizes itself on the reputation of others.

Of course, those who dissipate rumors should not be abominated for their actions are without conscious deliberation and they are ill with a lethal disease. Those who hear the rumors and adhere to them as words of sanctity are worse off, for they are the agents of folly. It is always beneficial to evaluate the machine that makes the product before you accept the end results. All too often, the covering of the new commodity is superficially ornamented to convince the buyer that it has substance and stability. Those who are determined to purchase these cheap objects are shortly remunerated. They discover that the product is as efficient as a dormant rock and that they were circumvented into believing that their actions were logical and justifiable. But logic is a far throw from irrationalism and foolishness is a close associate of prejudice.

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Let's Undress The Dress Code

The time has come for the Student Government Association to take a long, hard and serious look at the dress code presently being employed by the college – a long, hard and serious look that abolishes it, for the dress code is, literally, a joke.

With men being killed in Vietnam, Czechoslovakians being choked of their freedom, and blacks and whites living in fear of one another in our cities, Saint Leo's major concern is seeing to it that a student eats his lunch with a belt on. This is of such major importance that the college employs an organization to see to it that every student wears a belt while eating. Instead of hiring an organization to help professors curtail cheating during examinations or to help the security guards in protecting the campus from vandalism on weekends, the college places an organization at the cafeteria door to check belts. You can bounce beer bottles off Lewis Hall but don't try to enter the cafeteria without a belt on.

Besides being a joke, the dress code is also illogical. Male students are allowed to wear slacks in the cafeteria, female students are not. Male students must wear socks, female students do not. Male students are not allowed to wear shirts without a collar, female students can enter wearing a transparent dress. Not only is the dress code contradictory but it is also unneeded. Why even those who cook and serve the food are not subjected to a dress code and surely, if anyone is to be governed by a dress code, it should be those who cook and serve the food and not those who eat it.

The reason given most often in defense of the dress code is that of protecting the student's health. Didn't you know that by going sockless, beltless and collarless one spreads germs? Such the case, Saint Leo's biggest germ spreaders are gilrs who go sockless and beltless. If it is healthy to wear Bermuda shorts and to go sockless and beltless on Saturday, why is it unhealthy on Wednesday?

Come on, Saint Leo! Let's undress the dress code.

War—Urban Crisis

(This editorial was chosen by the Associated Collegiate Press as the first place winner in the "Best Editorial on Any Non-Campus Issue" category. It appeared in the **Andersonian** at Anderson College, Ind.).

The crisis of the cities and the war in Vietnam became even stranger bedfellows this summer as the ghettos in some 50 urban areas exploded and as the war in Vietnam took on an even greater intensity.

Undoubtedly the ultimate political impact of this summer's events has been and will be greater than any event since the Korean War. Nevertheless, this impact has many ramifications.

Any direct linkage between the war and the urban explosion must be considered tenuous at best. However, the indirect linkages are many. The war draws to rebuild the cities, and civil rights advocates often charge that Negroes are being sent to fight a war in which they have no personal stake. And it is perhaps a sad commentary on the state of affairs in the United States that even after some 10 years of court decisions and legislation, the most integrated sector of American society and the one where the Negro can rise fastest is the military.

However, the stance of the United States in Vietnam also has legal and political bases, and the results if we were to suddenly withdraw would be profound. Nevertheless, the war as it is presently being fought does not seem to be bringing progress. After nearly three years of U.S. bombing, Hanoi has given no indication of coming to an understanding at the conference table. In South Vietnam five village pacification programs have been tried and have failed.

With the present situation in mind and the possibility of a war of attrition which will last another 10 or 20 years, perhaps a reassessment of our nation's priorities is necessary. The ills of the cities must be cured if this nation is to be livable, but the continuation of a policy of "guns and butter" economics appears to be a practical as well as a political impossibility.

Although it might be a risky solution at best, it appears that the United States, for the sake of her own best interest, should start a slow but deliberate withdrawal from her commitment in Vietnam, while encouraging the new government in Vietnam to take more responsibility upon itself. If not, we are apt to find ourselves forever supporting a government that would fall at once without us.

The Lion's Forum

Dear Mom and Dad,

After gorging my gut on the filet mignon that I'm used to eating from your hands and stuffing my mind with the crib sheet gravy here, I figure I've really cooked up an angle that'll bring me in a better income than you will send me.

You raised hell and high water because I was, in your words, "A lazy sob who wouldn't turn a lick to make an honest cent without your Ma and Pa behind you so we're gonna kick you out into college." Well, I got news for you, Babies. You think you're tough? Well, I'm tough too.

My broad is the daughter of one of the operators of the combine that makes the local Tampa race track tick in this area. (I've already made a few G's on her inside info.) And she's also made a contact for me at the Port of Tampa so now I'm in charge of all pot operations on campus.

I'm telling you, she's a real girl. I'd even think of marrying her if she wasn't such a pot head.

But you know me. I'm always a faithful son. I'll cut her out when the time comes and marry into society come hell or high water. I gotta keep that old family tradition alive. And you know I can carry it on because I've made a foundation here on good old beer can campus.

Love and prayer,
Bernie Baby

P.S. I'm writing this sitting on the dock down by the lake where I can look up and see the VISTA of the magnificent McDonald Center in the background while I stare into the scintillating reflection of the sun bouncing off the beer cans and the wine bottles in the foreground and feast my eyes on the white doilies of the discarded napkins resting like gossamer snow flakes on the green horizon. And I am reminded of what a prof told us in psyche class that we are creatures of our environment and we're trying to change the environment and how are you going to change the creatures in the environment?

A society that can command the interest and loyalty of over one million one hundred sixty-five thousand members in every station of life, of many temperaments, of varied businesses and professions, living in cities and on farms, such a society, you will agress, must have "something."

Our answer to your question, "Why should I be a Knight of Columbus?" is this: you will enjoy being a Knight. You will take pride in being a part of an organization that does the things the Knights do. You will find in your membership in the Knights of Columbus your chance to do many of the things you have always wanted to do, many of the things that ought to be done by Catholic men.

1. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is an asset to your religion, family and self.

2. It is good to associate in fraternal fellowship in an organization that has a proved and tested program of Catholic Activity.

3. The Lay Apostolate of organized Catholic manhood is the urgent need of today and the necessity of tomorrow!

4. Membership is an aid to spiritual, mental and physical growth.

5. It is a protection, guard and guarantee for yourself.

6. It gives you contact, association and companionship with leaders and successful men of your own faith in all professions and walks of life.

7. Your membership is an example of Service, Aid and Encouragement for the Columbian Squires and other Catholic men.

8. To know and love your neighbor you must meet with him in the sincere cooperation of Friendship, Fraternity and Faith. The Knights enable you to do this!

9. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a sound investment that will bring you generous dividends in personality, character and success.

If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, visit me in Benoit 206.

Bill Carroll

P.S.—A personal thank you from the Knights of Columbus to all the girls that helped us with the orphans from Christ Child Center.

Have you seen your Audio-Visual Center?

Along with various Audio-Visual materials this center offers to the college, there is a variety of other points of interest. Have you met Brother Bernard?

Come in and meet him in his artistic photographs now on display in Saint Francis Hall, Room 11—the Audio-Visual Center.

Have you met Lionel Barrymore?

Not only was he eulogized as one of the greatest stars of the theatre, radio and screen, but he also is noted for his sketches by the sea. This is said to have been his favorite hobby. Four prints of his sketches are now on display in the Audio-Visual Center.

Have you met the publications of this campus?

The Educator, The President's Newsletter, The Library World, The Lion, The Chronicle Reporter, The College Quarterly – if not, it is our pleasure to have them for your convenience in the A-V center.

Have you met knowledge?

The Audio-Visual Center (set up to accommodate 25 persons) offers its room to those who wish to carry on their academic interests. (Films, discussions, debates, research, etc.)

This office wishes to promote and better the academic atmosphere of this college. I wish to extend a welcome to any who wish to drop by and use the facilities – or just drop by to say "Hi."

Christopher M. Hoff

Inter-Fraternity-Sorority Council

The IFSC, in conjunction with Father William, sponsored a Christian Living Weekend at a camp north of Orlando on January 31 and February 1.

The presidents and representatives of each fraternity and sorority converged to discuss and evaluate the present standards of the Greeek organization and to improve and revise the IFSC constitution.

Along with the moderators who attended, Father William, Brother Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Gappa and Dr. Horgan, the students agreed that their first responsibility was to elevate the academic standards of the Greek organization. Second, to develop the individual as a human being and third, to develop him as a responsible citizen in the college and community.

Also discussed was the revision of the pledge program with emphasis on more constructive and beneficial projects.

The group cited many community and scholastic projects the fraternities and sororities could undertake that would aid in the betterment of the fraternities and sororities, which in turn would benefit Saint Leo College.

Hack Miller of Alpha Sigma Chi, along with Father William and other members of his committee, has organized members of the Greek clubs to actively participate in the Big Brother–Big Sister program at the Dade City Grammar School.

Many of the fraternity and sorority members are involved in this project where they befriend an underprivileged youngster and act as a big brother or sister.

Also, plans are being made for the Greeks to help on other community projects in Dade City such as renovation of churches and other buildings.

Alpha Sigma

The Sisters of Alpha Sigma would like to welcome their new members. They are Mary Dillon, Marty Oberg, Pat Forres, Barb Bovard, Rosie Zelwack, Lilian Perez, Margee White, Judy Kane and Connie DiFullio.

Alpha Sigma has volunteered to help on an art program for underprivileged children in Dade City. The sisters contribute their time on Saturdays to participate in the program.

Kathy Scofield has been elected the new representative from Alpha Sigma to the IFSC.

Delta Phi Delta

Delta Phi Delta is proud to announce fourteen new sisters who were inducted at a dinner at the Sweden House in Tampa.

The new sisters are Kathy Brennan, Bettina Finnochio, Michele Brinkman, Gemma Colapetra, Ruth Brennan, Pat Crown, Ginny Bermel, Cathy Schaffer, Karen DiNunzio, Maggie Shaw, Missie Gello, Mary Beth Zengen, Fran Hoppen and Eleanor McCarthy.

The pledge class is also congratulated for the renovation of the bench which certainly adds a pleasant touch to our fair campus.

The sisters are also happy to announce their new moderator, Mrs. Marion Ruffing of Dade City.

Phi Tau Omega

One of the new sisters, Patti McCabe, will be representing Saint Leo in a horse show against U.S.F. on March 2.

Two sisters of Phi Tau Omega were nominated for Junior Prom Queen. They are Margie Boland and Tic Bishop.

During the pledge program, the pledges completed many projects including painting the bench, constructing wooden Greek symbols of Phi Tau Omega to display in Saint Edward's, painting and cleaning classrooms, donating shakers and promoting school spirit at the basketball games. The most outstanding project was entertaining orphans from Holy Child Orphanage in Tampa. The girls transported the children to an amusement park by bus and spent the day with them. The sisters are proud to have pledges who were willing to donate their time to such a worthy cause.

Phi Tau Omega finished pledging on Sunday night, February 2. The total membership of the sorority is now twenty-eight.

Special appreciation goes to the pledge mistress and the social committee for their outstanding contribution during pledging. Also, the girls would like to thank Mrs. Gappa for her able assistance.

Kappa Theta

In the last issue of **The Lion**, the brothers of Kappa Theta fraternity were asked certain questions regarding the operation and fulfillment of the pledge program. In answer to this quest, the brothers cordially extend an invitation to the editors to rush Kappa Theta, whereupon, the brothers would be more than happy to divulge any pertinent information that may be requested.

In the last issue it was reported, rather correctly, that the brothers felt that answers to these questions were personal and intend to remain by that statement.

Any organization contains within its structure private matters, and knowledge or access to this material is restricted to all but the members of the organization itself.

At this time Kappa Theta would like to announce the completion of its second pledge period. Congratulations to the ten new brothers of the Btta Pledge Class: Kevin Barret, Thaun Bolender, Mike Bottone, Larry Burnett, Mike Galusky, Sam Hunter, Lee Theis and William Kruppenbacker.

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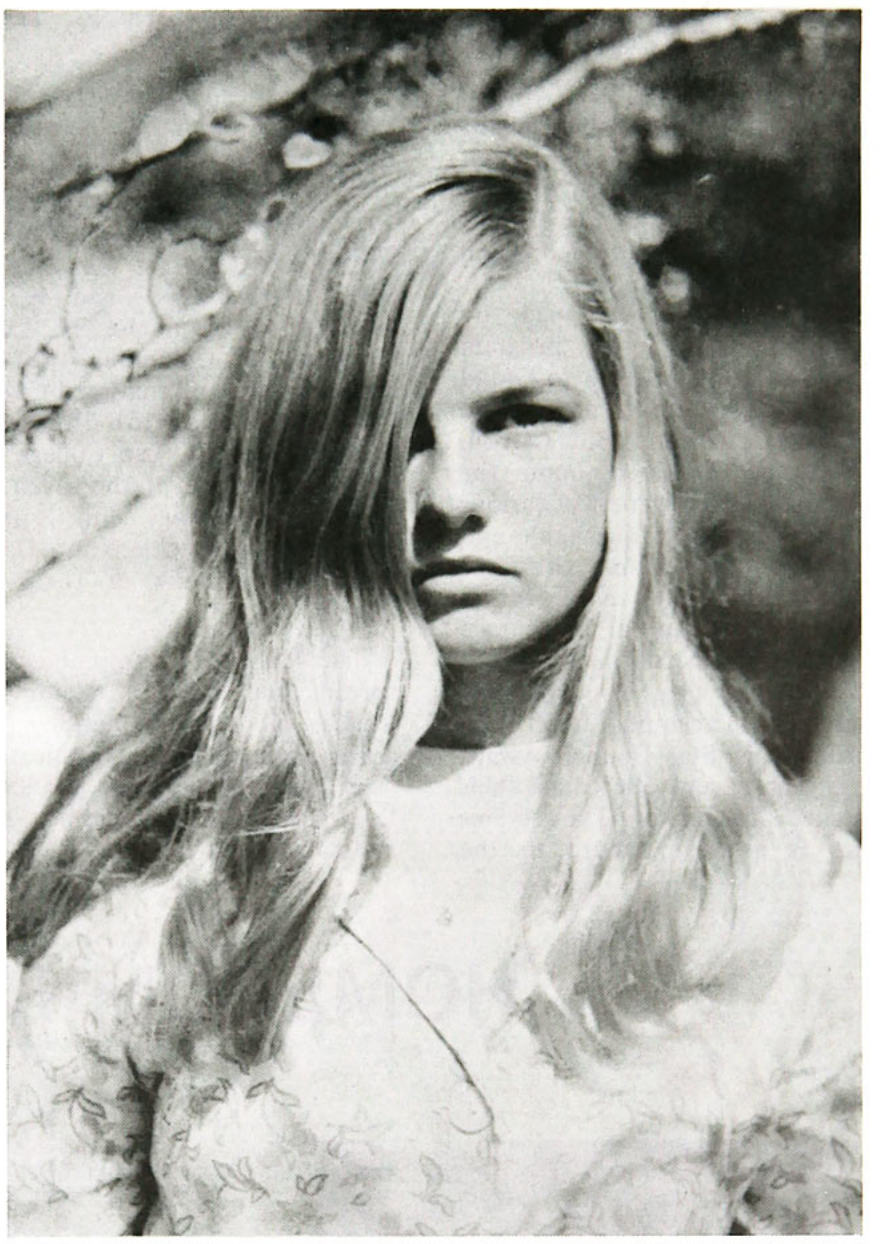


PAT SKISCIM

Knights of Columbus Win Top Award

Last Monday night the Knights of Columbus Council 5630 of Saint Leo College was presented with the Star Council Award, the highest award possible for any individual council to achieve.

The presentation was made by Florida State 6 point program chairman George C. Ray to Grand Knight Pierre Lafitte, and 6 point committee chairman Bill Carroll. This award is based upon the amount and effectiveness of various activities and other charitable and fraternal programs that are executed during the school year. It is also based on a percentage increase in membership.

To date, the Knights of Columbus on campus have been awarded this Star Council Award every year except one, since their existence began in 1964. This award is a great tribute to the Knights of Columbus here at St. Leo, and also to St. Leo College itself for these awards are given out on a state wide and nation wide basis.

On March 7, 8, and 9, two delegates from the St. Leo's Knights of Columbus will be attending the International College Council Convention in Dallas, Texas. There, St. Leo College will be seated as one of the seven top co-ordinating college councils in the nation, ranking with Notre Dame, Fairfield, the Univ. of Texas and others.

The Knights of Columbus have spread the name of Saint Leo College all over the nation. They are a prime example of spreading charity, fraternity and partiotism throughout the community, state and nation.

DIRT

by Perry & Dick

Perry: "Big brother sir, pledge master of Nu Sigma, why do I, a lowly pledge, have to walk around campus with my head shaved, carrying a brick while wearing girl's clothes?"

Dick: "Because in doing so, oh insignificant one, you will, if accepted into our club, reach the ultimate state of manhood."

Perry: "You mean, big brother sir, that by doing all these real groovy things I'll become a real honest to goodness man when accepted by Nu Sigma?"

Dick: "That's right skin-head! A man among men, in with the way way in crowd."

Perry: "Oh boy, big brother sir, I'll become a real man when I'm accepted to your club. But I never knew that a person had to have his head shaved and carry a brick all around campus while dressed in girl's clothes to be a really real man?"

Dick: "Everything that you are doing is a prerequisite for true manhood. How else do you expect to become a man?"

Perry: "Oh, I thought about joining the Marines and going to Vietnam. They say that the Marine Corps build men."

Dick: "Ridiculous! Only by pledging Nu Sigma can one expect to become a man with character."

Perry: "That's just what my mother always wanted me to be, a man with character. Boy, is my mother going to be happy to hear that her baby boy has become a man with character. I can see myself now, a brother of Nu Sigma, loved by women, feared by men, a man of integrity and intelligence. What, big brother sir, will I be able to do once I'm accepted to NuSigma?"

Dick: "Well, insecure one, you will be able to zoo-out girls in the student center, throw beer bottles all over campus and race your car in front of the post office."

Perry: "I beg your pardon, big brother sir, but what is Nu Sigma really like?"

Dick: "A zoo."

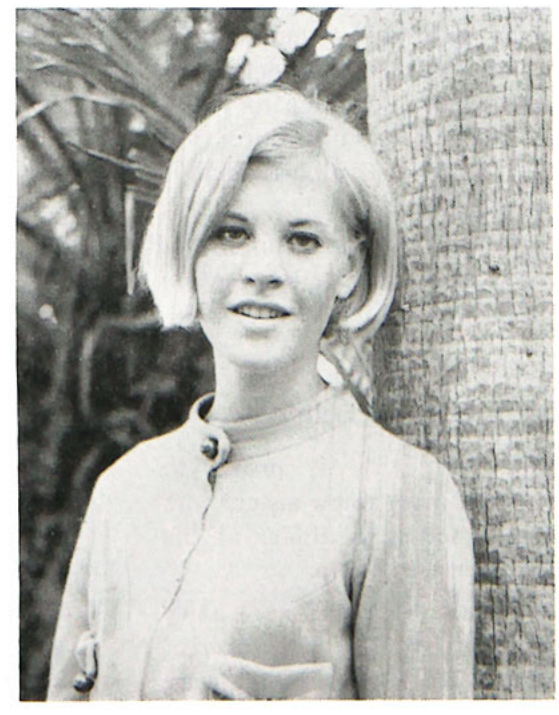
HOMECOMING CANDIDATES

Katie Mansfield

The Queen and Her Court

Gail Lomax

Marybeth White



Debbie Flavin